This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image input apparatus ~~which can be controlled by an external control apparatus,~~ comprising;

a camera unit for sensing images;

an operation unit for controlling image sensing of said camera unit;

a request generation unit for generating a request in a predetermined format on the basis of user input by said operation unit;

a sending unit for sending the request generated by said request generation unit to ~~the~~ an external control apparatus;

a processing unit for executing the request generated by said request generation unit;

a memory for storing correspondence data of a request type for controlling the image sensing and destination; and

a route determination unit for sending the request generated by said request generation unit to one of said sending unit and said processing unit with reference to the data stored in said memory.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reception unit for receiving a command from the external control apparatus,

wherein said processing unit executes the command.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an update unit for updating the destination stored in said memory.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the destination is updated on the basis of a command from the external control apparatus.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a detection unit for detecting a connection state with the external control apparatus,

a connection stack implemented when said apparatus is not connected to the external control apparatus, and for controlling said route determination unit to send the request to said processing unit.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

a detection unit for detecting a connection state with the external control apparatus,

wherein when said detection unit detects that said apparatus is disconnected from the external control apparatus, said update unit initializes the data in said memory.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said memory stores said sending unit as destination of ~~an image capture request~~ a request for starting the image sensing.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said memory stores said processing unit as destination of ~~an image capture request~~ a request for changing the image sensing parameters.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A control method for controlling an image input apparatus which ~~can be controlled by an external control apparatus, and~~ has a camera unit for sensing images, an operation unit for controlling the image sensing, a sending unit for sending a request ~~input by a user to the~~ to an external control apparatus, a processing unit for executing ~~the~~ a request, and a memory for storing correspondence data of a request type for controlling the image sensing and destination, comprising:

a request generation step of generating a request in a predetermined format on the basis of user input by the operation unit; and

a route determination step of sending the request generated in said request generation step to one of the sending unit and the processing unit with reference to the data stored in the memory.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 9, further comprising a reception step of receiving a command from the external control apparatus, and

wherein the processing unit executes the command.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 9, further comprising an update step of updating the destination stored in the memory.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 11, wherein the destination is updated on the basis of a command from the external control apparatus.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

a detection step of detecting a connection state with the external control apparatus,

wherein, when it is detected in said detection step that the image input apparatus is not connected to the external control apparatus, the request is sent to the processing unit in said route determination step.

Claim 14 (Original): The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

a detection step of detecting a connection state with the external control apparatus; and

an initialization step of initializing the data in the memory when it is detected in said detection step that the image input apparatus is disconnected from the external control apparatus.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 9, wherein the memory stores the processing unit as destination of ~~an image capture request~~ a request for starting the image sensing.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 9, wherein the memory stores the sending unit as destination of ~~an image capture request~~ a request for changing image sensing parameters.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied in said medium for controlling an image input apparatus which ~~can be controlled by an external control apparatus, and~~ has a camera unit for sensing images, an operation unit for controlling the image sensing, a sending unit for sending a request ~~input by a user to the~~ to an external control apparatus, a processing unit for executing ~~the~~ a request, and a memory for storing correspondence data of a request type for controlling the image sensing and destination, said product including:

first computer readable program code for generating a request in a predetermined format on the basis of user input by the operation unit; and

second computer readable program code for sending the request generated in said request generation step to one of the sending unit and the processing unit with reference to the data stored in the memory.